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2011 OHV Grant Application, FED ID#76-0873243

Dear Mr. Hornick,

The conservation committee of the Range of Light Sierra Club Group has reviewed the 2011 grant application @ www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/. We would like to make the following comments.

We are appreciative of INF grant requests for Restoration and Mitigation. You have mentioned a number of areas to be targeted. We would like to add to list the area west of 395 and north of Shady Rest along both sides of Sawmill Cut Off Rd.

However, our priority is enforcement in both summer & winter. Without enforcement of OHV & OSV usage to their legally prescribed areas all money used for restoration& mitigation is just money used to catch up and fix the damage. We agree that is necessary but inefficient. The emphasis should be on prevention. More money for signage, patrolling and ticketing. We hope enforcement will be your priority. The purchase of a new snowmobile should be primarily for enforcement.

The volunteer Nordic patrol now occurring in the Mammoth area is less than adequate: The volunteers spend the bulk of their time at Tamarack which is already patrolled by Tamarack staff. When the patrol gets to Obsidian Dome or the newly designated Wilderness areas north of Mammoth Mt. they have no authority, and by the time the Forest Service officer responds the offenders have disappeared. Around these and other sensitive areas we would like to see designated well signed trails for OHV & OSV's and education of these groups to do their own self patrolling.

We applaud the INF for seeking funds to minimize the impacts on our natural resources. The INF is a heavily used recreation winter and summer wonder land for both motorized and non-motorized users. We strongly support a good balance of both.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Mary K. Prentice, Conservation Chair Range of Light Group